

an order requiring Ameren to remove as many as 4,000 out-of-compliance structures near the shoreline and within the boundary of the Bagnell Dam project.

Here's an example of some of the structures they say need to go. FERC stated the structures "should be removed in a timely manner and the site restored to preexisting conditions." This ludicrous order could result in the unnecessary removal of thousands of homes and other structures along over 1,100 miles of shoreline.

What makes this action so onerous is that the property owners have clear title to this land with an easement giving them a right to do with their property as they wish. The deeds issued in the 1930s when the lake was built also reserved a right for the landowners to utilize the lakeshore and adjoining underwater land for "any and all purposes," including "the erection and maintenance of improvements thereon."

FERC's order is nothing more than a public taking and it needs to be stopped. If it's not, it will be devastating to our area's economy, home values, businesses and, most importantly, devastating to the wonderful, hardworking people who have invested their life savings to live, raise a family, and retire at Missouri's beautiful Lake of the Ozarks.

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The Lake of the Ozarks is one of the most popular tourist destinations, not only in Missouri, but across the Nation. It has homeowners from all 50 States of the union.

FERC's action could cause irreparable harm to the homeowners, boating, to fishing, water sports, and other business interests. It will cause uncertainty and fear that property values will plummet, and has already locked up the real estate market at the lake.

FERC's actions are causing the whole lake community to suffer economically. Economic downturn will lead to delays in much-needed infrastructure repairs and will hurt schools, which depend on property taxes to provide our children with the quality education they deserve.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is a prime example of an out-of-control government agency. It must be stopped. That's why on Monday, I introduced H.R. 3244. This bill will remove FERC's power to tell landowners that they must remove structures from around the lake.

I was joined by all of the other Missouri Members of the House of Representatives, five other Republicans, and three Democrats. Our two U.S. Senators, one Republican and one Democrat, introduced an identical bill in the other Chamber. This is a rare show of bipartisanship these days, which just shows how indefensible FERC's actions are.

We may disagree on other issues, but on this one we are united. Washing-

ton's overreach must be stopped. It's time to put the genie back in the bottle and ensure it doesn't wreak havoc on our lives, our lake, and our rights.

#### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month comes to a close, I rise to honor our breast cancer warriors who are bravely battling this deadly disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 2.6 million women and men are living with breast cancer in this country. It is estimated that this year alone there will be 290,000 new cases of breast cancer, and almost 40,000 patients will lose their battle with this disease.

Until 5 years ago I would hear these statistics, sympathize with personal stories of suffering from this tragic disease, and reaffirm my commitment to support finding a cure. But I never fully understood what it meant to have a family diagnosed with breast cancer until the day my sister, Lillian, called to tell me she had breast cancer. At that moment, I fully understood the personal sense of helplessness, anguish, and disbelief that had been described to me so many times before. Now I, too, found myself hoping and praying that I would wake up from the nightmare that was my sister's reality.

Like so many other breast cancer warriors, Lillian bravely confronted her cancer, determined to overcome her devastating illness and the intensely physical and deeply emotional challenge it presented. As my sister moves towards her fifth year free of cancer, there is much to be hopeful for.

From 1998 to 2007, breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. decreased by about 2 percent a year, due in part, it is thought, to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy. Since about 1990, death rates from breast cancer have also been declining, with larger decreases in women younger than 50.

While breast cancer is still the second leading cause of death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer, the chance that breast cancer will be responsible for a woman's death has been reduced to 1 in 36. These dramatic improvements in life expectancy are believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening and increased awareness, as well as improved treatment.

These improvements also stand as a testament to the investments Congress has made in prevention, screening, and researching new treatments for the disease. But they must not be the final frontier in our efforts to make breast cancer a disease of the past.

I was recently and personally reminded of this fact because once again, breast cancer has attacked someone

who is close to my heart. Earlier this summer, Monica, my longtime district office manager, was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. She faced this unbelievable challenge with characteristic grace and strength.

With family, friends, and colleagues, she has been upfront and upbeat about her illness. And always a stylish dresser, she has donned a number of very fashionable head scarves.

After first undergoing several months of chemotherapy, last Friday Monica had successful surgery and is home recovering. I want her to know we are praying for her continued strength and speedy recovery.

Like so many other breast cancer warriors, Monica's extraordinary courage as she fights against her disease is an example of the power of the human spirit to survive, and it gives renewed fervor to my personal commitment to fight this disease.

As long as women in our country face a 1 in 8 chance of developing breast cancer, we must continue to invest in improved and earlier detection of the disease, better treatments, and educational outreach.

For Lillian, for Monica, and for my colleague who is here, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and for all our mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends, let us never abandon our fight to find a cure and finally eradicate breast cancer in our country and ultimately in the world.

#### PUTTING FREEDOM BACK TO WORK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the government's continuing failure to address our Nation's gut-wrenching unemployment stems from a fundamental disagreement over how jobs are created in the first place.

We're now in the third year of policies predicated on the assumption that government spending creates jobs. We've squandered 3 years and trillions of dollars of the Nation's wealth on such policies, and they have not worked because they cannot work. Government cannot inject a single dollar into the economy until it's first taken that same dollar out of the economy.

True, we see the job that's saved or created when the government puts that dollar back into the economy. What we can't see as clearly is the jobs that are destroyed or prevented from forming because government has first taken that dollar out of the economy. We see those millions of lost jobs in a chronic unemployment rate and a stagnating economy.

Government can transfer jobs from the productive sector to the government sector by taking money from one and giving it to the other. That's at the heart of the President's plan to spend